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Office Action Summary

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09/961,268

Applicant(s)

YASUSHI ET AL.

Examiner

Ramsey Refai

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 19 December 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

Responsive to Request for Continued Examination (RCE) received December 19, 2005. Claims 1, 3, and 6-9 have been amended. Claims 1-9 remain pending further examination.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Mehring et al (U.S. Patent No. 6,609,115).

3. As per claim 1, Mehring et al teach a data communication system comprising a server having a first storage device in which a database, which stores a plurality of data types, is formed, and a plurality of client devices for connecting to said server through a network line, wherein (**abstract**):

each of said plurality of client devices has transmitting means for transmitting a data read request to said server (**column 2, lines 22-23**), and

said server has:

access right holding means for previously holding an access right table which indicates types of data to which an access is granted/denied for each said plurality of client devices with respect to the plurality of the data types in said database (**column 2, lines 35-42**);

device identifying means responsive to receipt of a data read request sent from said transmitting means through said network line for identifying one client device which has transmitted the received data read request of said plurality of client devices (**abstract**);

determining means for determining in accordance with the access right information held in said access right holding means whether or not data corresponding to said received data read request is a type of data accessible from said one client device (**column 2, lines 13-60**); and

means for granting an access to the data corresponding to said received data read request in the database of said first storage device to said one client device if a result of the determination by said determining means indicates an accessible type (**column 2, lines 13-60**).

4. As per claims 2 and 4, Mehring et al teach wherein said device identifying means requests a user identification code and a password of said one client device, and identifies said one client device in accordance with the user identification code and the password sent from said one client device (**abstract, column 2, lines 13-60**).

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6. As per claim 5, Mehring et al teach wherein an access right is set for each user in units of user groups (**column 8, lines 13-15**).

7. As per claims 3 and 6-9, these claims contain similar limitations as claim 1 above, therefore are rejected under the same rationale.

Response to Arguments

8. Applicant's arguments have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

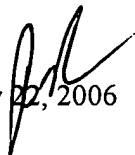
The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure are cited in the Notice of Reference Cited form (PTO-892).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ramsey Refai whose telephone number is (571) 272-3975. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30 - 5:00 p.m..

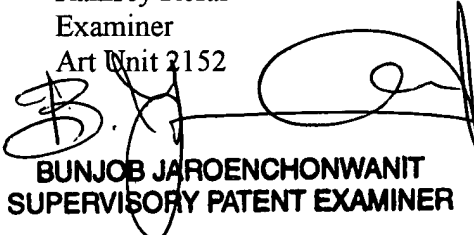
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Bunjob Jaroenchonwanit can be reached on (571) 272-3913. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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